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### STARTLING STATEMENT.

#### BANKER'S CHARGE AGAINST HARDING

#### NEWSPAPER SALE TRANSACTION.

#### ALLEGED EXCESSIVE PURCHASE FIGURE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, February 14.

Developments in the oil case are ensuing with sensational rapidity.

A startling statement made by the banker Mr. Vanderlip yesterday alleging that an excessive price was paid to the late President Harding in connection with the sale of his newspaper, the *Marion Star*, shortly before his death, has aroused much resentment and Mr. Vanderlip has been subpoenaed to testify before the investigating committee.

[The naval oil lease "scandal" in America, arising out of allegations of corruption in connection with the granting of Government concessions for oil leases at Wyoming has necessitated the appointment of a special Senatorial committee of investigation which has summoned a number of eminent witnesses. The affair has already dramatic developments in the charges against Mr. Fall, former Minister of the Interior, and a Senate resolution demanding the resignation of Mr. Denby, the Secretary of the Navy.]

#### GOVERNMENT COUNSEL CHALLENGED.

WASHINGTON, February 15.

The Senate oil committee has decided to inform President Coolidge that Messrs. Strawn and Pomeroy are not acceptable as special Government counsel. Mr. Coolidge has consequently withdrawn Mr. Strawn's nomination, but not Mr. Pomeroy's, as he considered that no evidence for disqualifying him had been produced.

#### FINAL WORD.

#### GOVERNMENT KEEPS OIL HOLDINGS.

#### NATIONAL INTERESTS.

LONDON, February 14.

In the House of Commons, replying to three questions as regards the Government's decision not to sell its Anglo Persian holding, Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said the Burma Oil Company has apparently been prepared to pay between 75s. and 80s. for the shares. This would have represented a profit of nearly 60s. on the original price, and about a sovereign on the current market price, on 5,000,000 shares.

The Government after full investigation, was satisfied that it would not have been in the national interest to part with the shares to a combine; also in particular the naval interests, which the original investment in an independent oil company was made, would have been seriously prejudiced.

Mr. Snowden added that, as the existence of doubt in the matter was not fair to the Anglo-Persian Company, the British Government had no intention whatsoever of reconsidering its decision.

#### DOCKERS' STRIKE THREAT.

#### LABOUR MINISTRY'S MEDIATION.

#### CONFERENCE AGAIN ADJOURNS.

LONDON, February 14.

The dockers' conference has again adjourned until to-morrow morning.

[This is the second time the conference has adjourned. Wednesday's cables stated that while the conference between the Minister of Labour and representatives of the dockers and employers adjourned late in the evening without reaching a definite conclusion a much more hopeful spirit prevailed. It was understood the dockers would be offered an immediate increase of a shilling a day and a further shilling later.]

#### HOLLAND AND RUSSIA.

THE HAGUE, February 15.

In the Lower House, the Communist Ravesteijn asked whether any negotiations were afoot with a view to establishing once more normal commercial and diplomatic relations with Russia.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Van Karnebeek, replied in the negative. He added that the Government was giving close attention to the matter.

#### FRENCH CABINET SECURE.

PARIS, February 14.

The Government has secured a vote of confidence by the Chamber of Deputies rejecting by 301 to 212 votes an amendment to the Government's proposal for an all-round increase in taxation of 20 per cent. on which the keenest opposition was anticipated.

#### UNITED STATES CHINA JUDGE.

WASHINGTON, February 15.

Mr. Milton Purdy, of Minneapolis, has been nominated United States Judge in China. The Senate has not yet confirmed the appointment.—*Reuter's American Service.*

#### GOLF.

LONDON, February 15.

A conference of delegates from the country golf unions, meeting at York, unanimously decided to issue a challenge for the American Walker Cup.

### FRANCE'S RUHR POLICY.

#### IMMEDIATE CHANGE UNLIKELY.

#### LATEST INSPIRED ARTICLES.

#### AGREEMENT WITH BRITAIN DOUBTFUL.

(Reuter's General Service.)

PARIS, February 14.

That a change in the French Ruhr policy is not so imminent as believed by the Opposition press appears from an article by Pertinax in the *Echo de Paris* declaring that the idea of a volte face on the part of M. Poincare is purely imaginary and asserting that France adheres to her irreducible minimum in the Ruhr. The article doubts greatly whether Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and M. Poincare will reach an understanding.

It is noteworthy that even supporters of the *Matin's* suggestion, like the *Ere Nouvelle*, emphasise that if France is prepared to abandon her economic system in the Ruhr and Rhineland she must maintain military control. The *Ere Nouvelle* forecasts the possibility of a Franco-German commercial treaty.

The *Matin* is believed to be inspired by the President, M. Millerand, and the *Echo de Paris* by M. Poincare.

[Recent cables from Paris stated French opinion as regards the Ruhr policy was changing, judging from the consensus of articles in the Opposition Press, commenting on an article by M. Sauerwein in the *Matin*, which was believed to have been inspired. M. Sauerwein, after admitting that everything received by France had been swallowed up in military expenses, advocated an extensive modification, even the abandonment of the occupation of the Ruhr in exchange for a new system of guarantees, which would be placed in inter-Allied, and not merely French and Belgian hands. He indicated that France would expect full payment through an international loan, and a neutralised Ruhr and Rhineland, if she consented to an inter-Allied instead of purely Franco-Belgian system. The *Ouvre* said this was a return to common sense and a programme which would point to the realisation of the Cannes conference, where M. Briand fell.]

#### PALATINATE AGREEMENT.

LONDON, February 15.

As a result of further Anglo-French communications agreement has been reached over the Palatinate question.

A commission will shortly be despatched to the Palatinate, composed of British, French and Belgian officials, to advise the Bavarian local council regarding the carrying on of the administration, pending the establishment of a new permanent administration.

The Chief task at present appears to be that of arming the police and disarming the population.

#### COMMONS DEBATE.

#### GOVERNMENT NOT CHALLENGED.

#### IMPERIAL DEFENCE INQUIRY.

LONDON, February 15.

The House of Commons concluded the debate on the Government's declaration of policy. The division was not challenged.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald stated that the committee on Imperial defence was exploring the whole problem of defence in a much wider sense than hitherto and not merely from the viewpoint of the strength of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force but from the viewpoint of civil, foreign and international policy.

Mr. MacDonald said the Government would not remain in office five minutes after a division of the House had deprived it of a sense of duty.

The Liberal Mr. Frank Briston gave notice of a resolution condemning the action of the Minister of Health in cancelling the Poplar order and remitting any likely surcharge thereunder.

[The Minister of Health's action relates to excessive unemployment payments which his predecessor refused to recognise.]

#### BRITISH NAVY CHANGES.

#### CRUISER SQUADRON'S FUTURE.

MALTA, February 14.

It is understood that the redistribution of the Fleet now taking place practically amounts to reversing the positions of the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets in commission.

Fresh dispositions have already been made or are impending, including the accepted certainty of the First Light Cruiser Squadron being despatched to the Mediterranean at the conclusion of the Empire cruise.

#### SEPARATISTS' MASSACRE.

BERLIN, February 15.

The latest casualty figures in the Pommern massacre are fifteen Separatists killed and thirteen wounded; and fifteen civilians killed and fifteen wounded. Seven people were wounded slightly at Badtzebe.

#### BERLIN QUIETER.

BERLIN, February 15.

In response to a suggestion by General von Seeckt commanding the Reichswehr, President Ebert has agreed to raise the state of siege in March.

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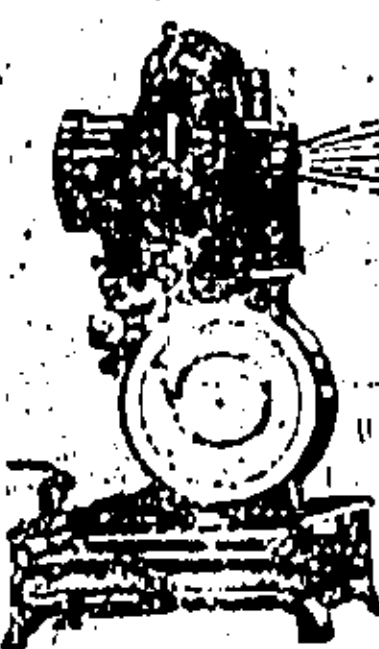
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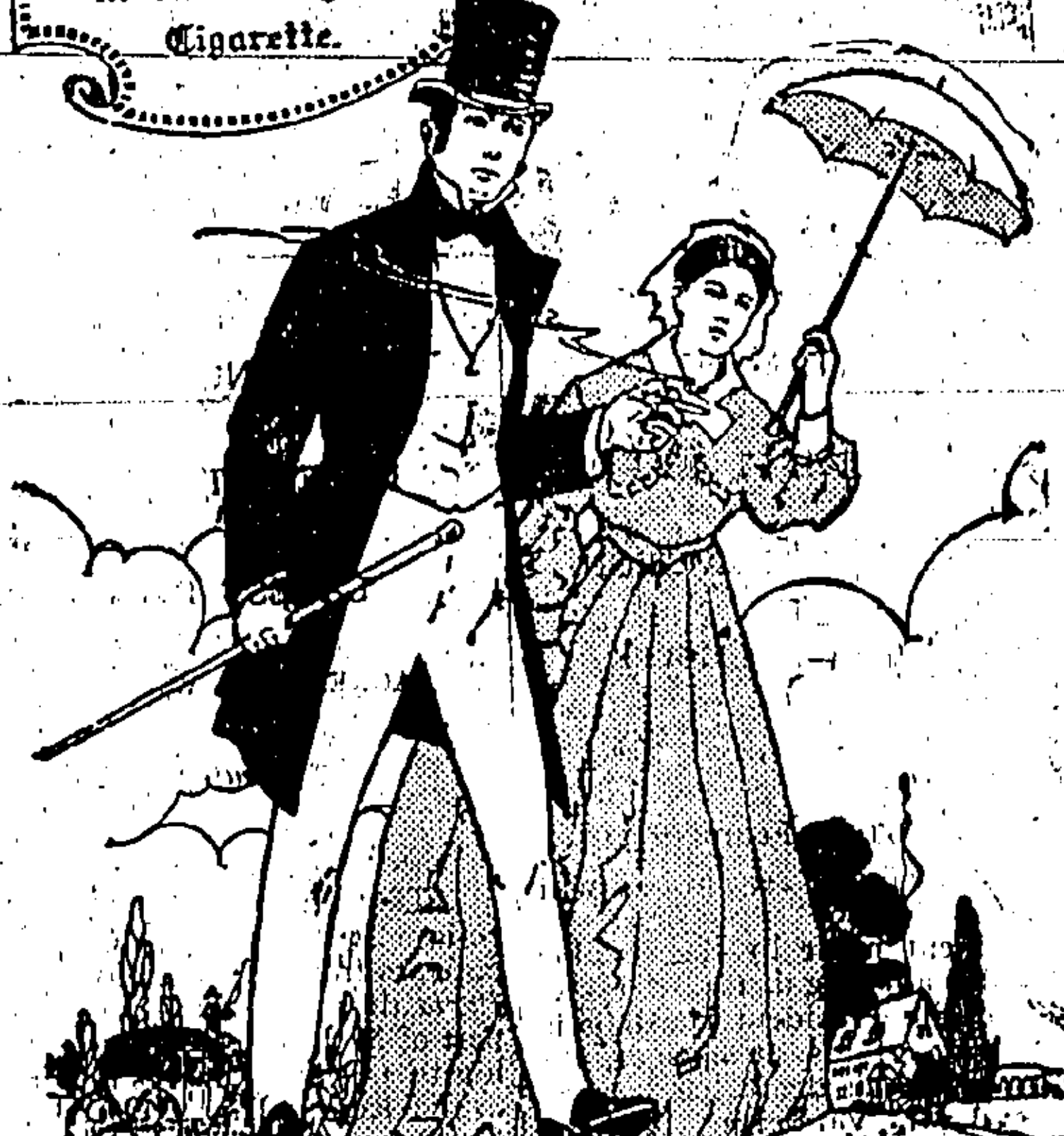
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much shorter letters. The type-  
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can newspaper offices long before  
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pen and the pen. Indeed, it is  
only within the last ten years that  
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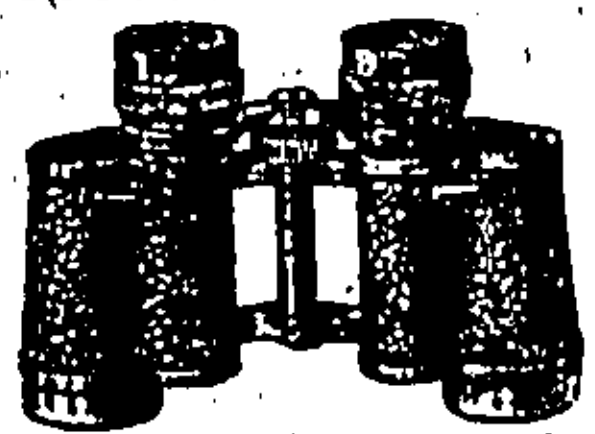
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## The China Mail.

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### PORTUGAL.

The friendly relations which have always existed between this Colony and that of Macao, to say nothing of the large number of industrious and hard-working Portuguese who form a not inconsiderable portion of our population, should tend to exert a greater interest in the affairs of Portugal than appears to be the case. Absence of any news whatsoever would appear to be the sole reason for a seeming lack of interest in Portuguese affairs; for the Colony is ill served in news, and only when something outside the ordinary happens, do the cables tell us of things that cause, in some quarters, moments of anxiety. This should not be. Portugal's friendship with Britain is quite the oldest of our political friendships and alliances and goes back to the days of the Plantagenets and was associated a century ago with the glory of Wellington. It has been sternly proved in our own time by the participation of Portugal as our ally in the greatest of all wars; a war, in which the effort put forth by her, gravely overtaxed

her national strength and involved consequences of economic disorder and depression from which the country is suffering to this day. Portugal, like the rest of the world has had and is having anxious days. Doubtless the changing conditions in Europe politically effect her a great deal.

We read of those who favour the country getting in line with Italy and Spain to form a triumvirate of Mediterranean powers; and we can well understand how diplomatic pressure is being exerted in bringing this about. Italy and Spain are to all intents and purposes under separate Directorship. It only needs Portugal to launch out in the same direction, and it may be counted as fortunate that such a highly respected diplomat as the former Portuguese Ambassador to London is at the head of the Government. Those who favour this "line-up" with Italy and Spain are sharply opposed by leaders of the old alliance with Great Britain, and thus the battle wages. That perhaps is a small matter compared with other matters of grave portent. Portuguese newspapers speak feelingly of the grave financial difficulties that confront the Administration. The budget deficit for the current year is estimated at 4,000,000 escudos. An escudo normally equals Mex \$2, but at the present rate of exchange the value is con-

siderably lower than this figure. Obstruction to attempts at financial reform required by the gravity of Portugal's financial case is forcing publishers to agitate for Fascist methods to deal with the situation, and references in the press are very much to the point. Whatever happens, well wishers of Portugal remembering the glories of her colonising days, the adventurousness of her Vasco da Gamas and the work of her Camoens will desire that the ship of state be steered in to safe and pleasant waters and that she may have before her an era of prosperity reminiscent of the wonderful days of old.

### Haldane.

Lord Haldane, so far as we know, has established a record, in that he is the only Lord Chancellor who has served in a similar capacity twice in governments of different political views. The leader of the very few Labourists in the House of Lords and the spokesman in that very august place for the Labour Government (some would have us call it the Socialist Government) Lord Haldane is likely to be very much in the public eye, and to enjoy himself and his position exceedingly. Already his position of the Government's policy, so we read, was received heartily by Lord Curzon. When Lord Birkenhead comes to the attack we may expect fireworks outpouring in brilliancy and pyrotechnic display that Fair or Brooks can produce. Who then is this interesting person who from a Liberal to a Liberal Imperialist has become a Socialist? We speak off and away from the book of reference. Of his intellectuality no one can speak in any disparaging terms whatsoever. He is able, and has done it—to give a reasonable and understandable exposition of Einstein's theory of relativity. He it was who arranged that Professor Einstein should visit England soon after the close of the war, and who presided at the lecture which the Professor gave. That suggested such things at that time were abused to the same extent as they were abused during the course of the war. And Lord Haldane received more than his share, for it was cruelly alleged that he was a traitor to his country, because of his avowed confession that Germany was his "spiritual" home. But there were those who also had courage and who were not afraid to break a lance in behalf of the burly lawyer. It has been stated, and we have not seen the statement disproved, that the almost perfect state of the British Army at the outbreak of war was in a large measure due to the schemes of improvement and reform effected by Lord Haldane as Secretary for War in a former government. The fact that he has consented to—probably suggested himself—a reduction in the salary connected with his high office, seems to us a fact of more than passing interest and it may be typical of the man. The trouble with Haldane, someone has said is that he talks too much. "My, how he talks!" And he talks so well that one has to listen to his interminable discourses; and, worse—he knows it. Matters political are such that we do not know how long the Socialist Government will last; but whilst it does the voice of Haldane may be expected to be heard in the land.

### M.C.L.

Charity begins at home, we are often informed, and a hopeless cynic has added, and very often stays there. This charge cannot be laid at the doors of the "Ministering Children's League" which has now publicly stated its disbursements of the eighteen thousand dollars odd collected in various ways—chiefly by the great annual fete. Nothing but hearty congratulations can be showered on all those who have so devotedly assisted towards this happy result. Some may cavil at sending \$12,000 home and "disbursing" only \$6,000 in Hongkong, but we are not amongst those numbers, except to suggest that a donation might have been given to our Benevolent Society. We know not the history of the M.C.L. We remember that Lady May was a whole-hearted enthusiast in its cause and her cheery presence will always be associated with the League. There came a time when disruption almost set in when the committee at that time (or certain members of it) were inclined to resent action being taken without their knowledge. The only evil which resulted was adding another name to the League and giving it seven initials. The good has meant a clearer perception of what the Association stands for. The word "child" is a favourite one in Chinese circles but has not the same meaning that we attach to it in England;

but such a Guild or League by any other name would be the same—working in the sacred cause of charity and uniting all classes in the common bond of unity and good fellowship.

The great earthquake, held responsible for the opening of a new hot spring at Nishisak-mura, Boshu, Chiba Prefecture (near Tateyama). There is talk of making a spa there. The Hongkong Boxing Association should be interested in this.

A suggestion has been made that parents whose children become criminals through their proved neglect, should be fined. The idea is an excellent one. No one questions the fact that the home influence is not what it once was, and that a good number of parents seem to exert no kind of control whatsoever over their offspring. In the case of parents belonging to what is familiarly known as "the lower classes" it is a manifestly impossible thing to expect, more especially when as is often the case both husband and wife have to help the family finances by working, thus leaving the home and the children if there be any, which there generally are, to whatever may befall.

The wish expressed by RUSSIA, recently in a leading article in the *China Mail* that the Government at Home would resume relations with Russia has become a fact accomplished, and as a result trade should be revived and a step made nearer to peace and good-fellowship. One matter that seemed to pre-empt this was the question of the Moscow Government admitting liability for them. Such admission does not presuppose immediate payment, for a country cannot pay when it has nothing to pay with; but it makes the future more bright and gives confidence to those engaged in bartering. What the world really wants is a few first-class seers—people who will foretell the future. Had we had a few of these in 1914 and had they told us truthfully all that has happened since, we hardly believe there would have been anyone fool enough to engage in the costly pursuit of war—especially on the scale in which it was indulged in the years 1914-18.

From the calling of CARPENTIER, of a prize fighter to that of a cinema actor is no light jump. But that is what Carpentier has done. Now he is going in for grand opera. Probably to acquire some tone!

Dean Inge says CLERGY AS IN THE EVENING ECONOMISTS. Standard "that the right course is to warn the Church off the coast altogether, but to point out to the clergy and others that they have a most important and indispensable duty to perform as economists, namely, to educate the people of all classes to 'covet earnestly the best gifts,' avoiding foolish and vulgar expenditure, which always means diverting labour from worthy to unworthy objects, and helping men to set their affections on the treasures of the mind and spirit, which in the strict sense are the only true and inalienable wealth."

"Parting is such a sweet sorrow," the poet sings, and applies to some of the things that "Uncle" takes from us for a more or less temporary loan. "Hard up indeed is the man who 'parts' in this fashion." One of our nocturnal jays recently came across a sight that almost brought tears to his eyes—two American "gobs" in a Chinese pawnshop, "popping" a bundle of "possessions." They looked—as they probably felt—not a little miserable.

We gave the other day the seasonal wishes of a firm to its clients and commented on its sincerity. Here is a wish uttered in 1842 by the poet Heine which is at least remarkable. I am writing these lines in the last hours of the unpleasant departing year. The New Year is at the door. May it be less horrible than the old. I am sending my sorrowful good wishes across the Rhine. I wish for the stupid a little understanding, and for the understanding a little stupidity. I wish the most beautiful clothes for the women and much money for the men. I wish a heart for the rich and a little bread for the poor. But above all, I wish that we may black-guard each other as little as possible during the New Year.

England may not stand well on the Continent in regard to her foreign policy, but in matters of art she seems to be supreme. Germany has long since adopted Shakespeare as her own. It is now "Unser Shakespeare." In France it may not exactly be the same but we read that...

Since the war a number of Mr. Bernard Shaw's works have been played on the French stage, and also English comedies and farces, such as "The Admirable Crichton," "Potash and Perlmutter," "Baby Mine," and "Nothing but the Truth." Now "Tons of Money," under the title of "Pai une Idée," is to be brought to France and produced at Lyons.

Vienna at one time was considered the centre of musical activities. It may still be. Certain it is that British music and musicians are welcomed and recitalists, composers, and conductors, received with open arms.

WEMBLEY. The Empire Exhibition is not to open on Sundays and the action of the promoters in so decreeing, is causing a rumpus, as it is the only day on which thousands will be able to see the attractions. We are not sure whether religious scruples are being pandered to, or whether a Georgian Act of Parliament which limit puts the kybosh on a large number of people having an afternoon's pleasure, and incidentally enlarging their minds and opening their eyes, not merely on the extent and ramifications of the British Empire, and acquiring a knowledge of what a really wonderful place the world is.

One hears a lot regarding the supply of wines which it is said can easily be obtained in the States in spite of Prohibition decrees, and wonders if they are true. They must be for certain individuals whose world's beyond doubt have it on written record that wines are invariably offered the guest wherever he may be. Mr. Israel Zangwill, some of whose words seem to have irritated our American cousins by reason of their outspokenness, has returned to England and testified to the fact that wine could have been his portion anywhere and at any time. Hard on Mr. Zangwill is Mr. Grant Richards the London publisher who states that the two things which impressed him most during his recent visit to the States were "the excellence of the wine with which Americans, especially in New York, entertain their guests, and the politeness and kindness of the taxi-cabmen in Chicago and New York." This is a definite statement of no ambiguity. What strikes the observer in Hongkong is the fact that Prohibition laws evidently do not cover the American sailor touching our shores, for he is able to get what-ever he can buy.

Columbus set off to discover America, and in a mistaken moment gave a shout of exultant glee upon sighting dry land—for he had no idea it would eventually become quite so dry.

We have become ROUND accustomed to the CORRECT fact of the Lady Doctor, jockey, football player, lawyer and barrister. Woman is contesting with man, entrance to all the trades and professions. The latest to succumb is the calling of accountancy, of Chartered Accountancy to be quite accurate; and Miss Ethel Watt of Manchester, is the first qualified lady Chartered Accountant. We have lady doctors in Hongkong, and we have even seen a lady jockey here. A lady lawyer or barrister or football player has yet to make her appearance. We may ere long expect a "consignment" of lady accountants. All that they need is a good figure which some ladies do possess. Which profession the members of "a rag and a bone and a hank of hair" brigade will next storm, the future only will show.

Correspondents to one WIT, of our Northern contemporaries have been giving specimens of school boy wit. We can give one sample of infantile wit or humour or perception, that beats any other we have heard into the usual coked hat. Moreover it is true. Here it is: Fond father is manfully blunting the household's best Sheffield blades on the Sunday roast, eagerly watched by the young daughter of the house aged not more than fifteen months, who every now and again, ejaculates: "GEE, GEE!" Here is another example but we do not vouch for its veracity. Mother had been troubled with a bad cold all day and turned in early after recourse to the old-fashioned hot water and whiskey remedy. Just as she had tucked herself in, little Betty ran in for the good night kiss. "Oh, mummy," she chided, as she drew away, "you've been at Daddy's scent."

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### To-day's Poem.

(The Old Order Changeth.)  
The old order changeth, yielding place to new,  
And God fulfils Himself in many ways,  
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world.  
Comfort thyself: what comfort is in me?  
I have lived my life, and that which I have done  
May He within Himself make pure but thou!  
If thou shouldst never see my face again,  
Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer  
Than this world dreams of.  
—Tennyson.

### WEATHER CALENDAR.

#### FEBRUARY 15.

1711. I walked purely to-day about the Park, the rain being just over, of which we have had a great deal mixed with little short frosts.—Swift.

#### PRECEPTS.

Don't beat the bush for others. Trust no one farther than you see him. Never say what you do but always do what you say. Keep your hands to yourself, and the same with your purse. Sell your jewels for more than they cost you.  
—Balzac.

### SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

#### ENTERTAINMENT'S.

February 15.—Coronet Theatre: "Thundering Dawn."  
February 15.—Star Theatre: Douglas McLean in "One A Minute."  
February 15.—World Theatre: Mrs. Wallace Reid in "Human Wrackage."  
February 16.—Star Theatre: at 9.15 p.m. "The Rajah of Rajahpore" by the Kowloon Dock A.D.C.  
February 18.—Pianoforte Recital at City Hall, 5.30 p.m. SOCIAL.  
February 15.—At Helena May Institute, cinematograph show, 5.30 p.m.  
February 19.—Organ recital in St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.  
February 23.—Royal Air Force Re-union Dinner.  
March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.

#### SPORTS.

February 18.—Theatre Royal; H.K. Boxing Assn. special tournament, cancelled owing to Chadwick's illness.  
February 20-23. Hongkong Jockey Club race meeting.  
March 2.—Next Tournament of the H.K. Boxing Assn.  
PUBLIC AUCTIONS.  
February 16.—Lammert Bros., at No. 1 Sam Chun Street, 112 piculs of sulphate of ammonia, 11 a.m.  
February 19.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.  
COMPANY MEETINGS.  
February 23.—Annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at City Hall, 11.30 a.m.  
February 25.—Thirty-seventh meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine's offices, 11 a.m.  
February 28.—Annual Meeting of the H.K. Rope Manufacturing Company, at St. George's Bldg., Chater Road, 11 a.m.  
March 3.—Thirty-fifth meeting of the H.K. Electric Co., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.  
March 4.—Thirty-fifth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.

#### OTHER MEETINGS.

February 15.—Royal H.K. Golf Club meeting at Messrs. Jardine's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.  
February 17.—Adjourned combined meeting of the China Coast Officers' and Marine Engineers' Guild of China, at Sailors' Home, West Point, 11 a.m.  
LECTURE.  
February 19.—At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, Dr. H. Gordon Thompson gives account of his journey along the borders of Tibet.  
Washington, February 13.—Mr. Hughes' letter to the Chairman of the House Immigration committee, declaring that sections of the immigration restriction measure pending in the House would exclude Japanese from the country, was promoted by the Immigration Bill submitted to the House of Representatives by Mr. Johnson, the proposals of which Mr. Hughes declares will militate against the Treaty of 1911, and should be eliminated. Mr. Hughes added: "I believe that such action would largely undo the work of the Washington Conference, which so greatly improved our relations with Japan. As a substitute proposal Mr. Hughes suggested that Japan be placed on the same basis as other nations."—*Reuter's American Service.*

### KONGMOON TROUBLES.

#### LAUNCH COLLIDES WITH GUNBOAT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KONGMOON, February 13.

The A. P. Co's steam-launch "Yuet Tung," towing lighter "Yat Ying" to Samshui, collided with the Chinese gunboat "Sun Hon," at Kamchuk. The gunboat's bow was badly damaged and it is alleged that she was not showing her navigation lights.  
H.M.S. "Moorhen" has left after a stay of five days.  
Pirates attacked neighbouring villages during the first four nights of the New Year.  
While people at Pak-kai were celebrating the holidays, those at Chiu-lin (a village lying opposite the port) indulged in a clan fight, intermingling gun-firing with the strings of crackers.  
A tax on Mah-Jongg has been granted to a monopolist for the Sze Yap districts.

### KOWLOON'S MARATHON.

#### NOTABLE FORTHCOMING CONTEST.

The entries for the annual Marathon race in connection with the St. Andrew's Church Men's Association are coming in very well. Up to the present there are 12 entries. The race this year should prove a very close one. The winner of last year's race is running again this year and rumour has it that the champion runner of Egypt in the East Surrey Regiment is also an entrant. The course is slightly improved but the traffic on the Kowloon City road may interfere with the running.

The entries close on February 26 and the prizes will be distributed immediately after the race in the Church Hall by Mrs. Lindsay.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

T. T. exchange on London is 2/4½, on Shanghai 70.  
Thirteen cases of small-pox were reported yesterday.

The Macao steamer "Chuen Chow" now leaves Hongkong at 4 p.m., instead of at 5 p.m. as formerly.

It is reported that the German expedition which set out to investigate mining possibilities in Mongolia has passed Urga, states a Reuter cable from Rika.

London, February 14.—In a leading article on M. C. G. Ammon's statement with regard to Singapore, the *Times* says there that no reasonable objection to this course can be taken; it urges, however, the necessity for conducting an examination in an open minded spirit, not with the object of justifying a preconceived policy, and points out that the Dominions have already approved of the scheme.—*Reuter.*

Taxicab No. 985 and a brand new tandem bicycle took part in an unheeded incident in the tiffin hour to-day outside the Bank, which proved decidedly bad for the bike. Both vehicles were coming in opposite directions with the result that the riders of the bike were "unhorsed." When the tandem was "unearthed" from its more formidable friend it was in a sorry condition, the rear wheel being buckled. The machine was new one and appeared to have been ridden for the first time. The taxicab had the glass on 'one of the lamps shattered.

The sales office of the Commercial Press Ltd. has been removed to 37 Queen's Road. The Main Office of the Company was established in Shanghai, about thirty years ago, with over thirty branch offices in the principal cities of China, Hongkong, and Singapore. The Hongkong Branch, which is one of the above mentioned, was established more than ten years ago. Since its establishment, the Company has been supplying customers with Chinese and English books, stationery, and other Educational supplies at reasonable rates and with great promptness. The removal of the Hongkong Branch is partly due to the extension of their business and partly for the convenience of the local customers.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. and Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Yung are passengers on the outgoing "President Taft."

A Reuter cable from New York announces the death of the famous physiologist, Dr. Jacques Loeb. Member of many physiological societies in Europe and America, Dr. Loeb published a large number of scientific works. At the time of his death he was a member of the Rockefeller Institution for Medical Research, New York. He was in his 75th year.



## HONGKONG AND THE PHILIPPINES.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S IMPRESSIONS.

KINDRED ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS DISCUSSED.

Special "China Mail" Interview With Sir Edward Stubbs.

Smoking a Manila cigar from a souvenir box he received during his visit, His Excellency the Governor yesterday afternoon recounted for a "China Mail" man his interesting experiences in the Philippines.

During the interview which he very courteously granted our representative at Government House Sir Edward Stubbs touched upon many topics, not the least interesting for Hongkong being building costs, the illicit arms trade and the opium evil, automatic telephones, town planning and traffic control.

**Charm of Baguio.**  
That Sir Edward thoroughly enjoyed his holiday was notably plain. Not only was he looking very well indeed, but during his chat with the "China Mail" man he more than once spoke in glowing terms of the pleasure the trip had given him.

"I had a delightful time," he said, "both in Manila itself and also at Baguio. People here really know very little about Baguio, that charming spot in the hills."

Sir Edward thinks Baguio is more comfortable than many North China places and he feels that once Hongkong people learn more about it they will go there in ever increasing numbers not simply because it is so near to this Colony but also because it is such a delightful holiday resort.

"You have an admirable climate there," broke out Sir Edward with enthusiasm. "You get quiet and you get rest. Also you have excellent golf."

Touching for a moment on the social round, Sir Edward Stubbs said that during his visit he saw some boxing between Filipinos. This was very good and brisk. He also saw a baseball match—an extraordinarily good game, followed by a most enthusiastic crowd. "I appreciated it enormously," and Lady Stubbs—he added with a smile—"became very excited."

## Manila's Elbow Room.

Sir Edward was much impressed with Manila, which he described as a most interesting city. Specially he noted the open spaces and the broad streets. The city, he added, struck him as being very well laid out.

Asked if he thought Hongkong could learn anything from the sister city about town-planning, Sir Edward pointed out that where we were cramped for space Manila had "plenty of elbow room."

"Town planning is easy enough when you have the ground. But if you have to tear down hills and throw them into the sea as we do here you have an immensely harder task."

## Our Better Roads.

Speaking as a motorist, Sir Edward said that the roads in the Philippines were not equal to the very high standard set in Hongkong. They were by no means bad, though, and took the visitor through some very picturesque country.

This country reminded Sir Edward very much of Ceylon, where he spent six years before coming to Hongkong as Governor. "It reminds me of Ceylon—in every way," he said, "first the scenery; then the people and the way they live."

**Philippine Constabulary.**  
"Magnificent" was the word Sir Edward used in describing the new Philippine Constabulary organized under Governor-General Wood's regime to replace the American cavalry. The whole organization looked exceptionally smart for Asia.

"When I went to the military tournament the Filipino troops impressed me immensely as very fine-looking men. In addition to the Filipino constabulary there are the Filipino scouts who are also replacing some of the American troops. These, too, are extraordinarily good."

"What struck you most during your visit?" asked the "China Mail" man next.

Sir Edward thought, for a brief second only, "The schools," he replied. "That is what I think struck me most—the number of schools you see as you pass along the roads. The education system in the Philippines appears to be very complete."

**Chance For Hongkong.**  
But Sir Edward appears to have been impressed not simply with the department alone, but with the whole administration generally, remarking that the departments which came under his notice all seemed to be extraordinarily good. Particularly was his interest taken by the Forestry Department.

Anticipating the "China Mail" man's impending question, Sir Edward Stubbs observed that this

department would be largely wasted here, for we cannot boast the wonderful timbers they have in the Philippines.

Visiting the headquarters of the Forestry Department, Sir Edward saw a striking collection of excellent cabinet woods mostly Filipino mahogany.

"We should be able to develop a trade here in these woods," said Sir Edward with conviction. They are not only very beautiful and useful but several of them are proof against white ants. Hongkong builders and architects would find it well worth while to go into the question of importing Filipino timbers."

**Cheaper Building Costs?**  
This statement suggested a question to the "China Mail" man. "Does your Excellency think," he asked, "that Hongkong could hope to cheapen building costs by importing materials from the Philippines?"

"Hardly," replied Sir Edward. "Houses in the Philippines mostly belong to the bungalow type, and they simply could not stand our typhoons. Besides the warmer climate there makes conditions more like those existing in Malaya and Ceylon where heavily built houses are not desired."

## Arms and Opium.

Turning to sterner subjects, the "China Mail" man asked Sir Edward if he thought Hongkong and the Philippines could co-operate more closely in suppressing the arms and the opium evils. Sir Edward thought very little more could be done about the first. Arms were rarely shipped from Manila itself and when they did come from that port they had almost invariably been skillfully concealed aboard earlier in the voyage.

Opium he did not think was a very serious problem for the Philippines. Occasionally, he said with a smile, they "got some of our opium," but the traffic was kept very well in hand.

**Manila's Orderly Traffic.**  
"Speaking generally," said the "China Mail" man, "would you say that Hongkong has very much to learn from the Philippines, and vice versa?"

Sir Edward replied with an epigram. "Primarily," he said, "the Philippines represent an agricultural community and a big town, while Hongkong represents primarily a big town and a few suburbs and playgrounds."

"But there is one thing I might observe," he added dryly. "Traffic control in Manila is unquestionably better than it is in Hongkong. And traffic control in Manila is not an easy job, because they all drive like fury."

## Automatic Telephones.

Reverting to our representative's question, Sir Edward said he did not think either place could learn much from the other because conditions were so very dissimilar. We might possibly teach the Philippines something about road-surfacing but it must not be forgotten that their roads were much longer than ours.

Hongkong could not learn very much from the Philippines—"except, as I say, our police might learn something in traffic control."

Sir Edward had a sudden thought. "I might say," he added, "that the Manila telephone system is very good. Furthermore they are introducing the automatic service, a fact which seems to indicate that it ought not to be impossible to have the system here."

Sir Edward also mentioned that the automatic system was already partially introduced and appeared to be working very successfully.

**Extremely Fine Country.**  
Summing up his impressions of the visit, Sir Edward said that he thought the Philippines a most interesting place.

Everywhere he went, he said, he was received with extraordinary hospitality, and his only regret was that he could not stay longer—a remark which recalled the "China Mail" man to the fact that although Sir Edward, with ready courtesy, might discuss still further his interesting experiences

the journey after all was a pleasure trip, not an official visit, and Sir Edward had already given a very full account of his travels. Accordingly he thanked Sir Edward for his kindness and took his leave with these enthusiastic words still ringing in his ears: "I shall most certainly visit the Philippines again should I have another opportunity—a fine country, an extremely fine country indeed!"

## Official Account.

The official account of His Excellency's visit to Manila is as follows:—

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Stubbs, accompanied by Captain Neville, Aide-de-Camp, returned from Manila on Wednesday, 3rd February. His Excellency was met by Colonels Johnston and Langhorne, Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-General, and, on the jetty, by a Guard of Honour provided by the 31st Infantry. After inspecting the Guard His Excellency and party proceeded to Malacanang Palace where His Excellency was received by Governor Leonard Wood with whom were the chiefs of the Administration and the Admiral Commander-in-Chief and the Commanding-General. A Guard of Honour from the Philippine Constabulary was in attendance at Malacanang.

## Filipino Leaders.

At luncheon on Sunday at Malacanang, His Excellency met the leaders of the Philippine Legislature, amongst whom was Mr. Quezon, and General Aguinaldo was also present. In the afternoon His Excellency and Lady Stubbs accompanied the Governor-General and Mrs. Wood to the Manila Polo Club where a game was in progress. To dinner in the evening, Governor-General and Mrs. Wood had invited a number of Americans prominent in Manila, these included Admiral and Mrs. Washington, Major-General and Mrs. Read, Major-General and Mrs. Omar Bundy and Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Marvel. Mrs. A. G. Stephen and Miss Addis were also present at dinner.

## Visit to Bilid.

On Monday, 4th February, His Excellency visited Bilid Prison and was afterwards the Guest of the Manila Club, when a large gathering of the British business community sat down to luncheon. In the afternoon His Excellency and Lady Stubbs were present at a Garden Party, given by the members of the Manila Club, at which the British Consul-General and Mrs. Harrington were host and hostess.

## Trip to Baguio.

On Tuesday morning His Excellency and Lady Stubbs, accompanied by Colonel Langhorne and Captain Neville, drove up to Baguio, the beautiful hill station of the Philippines. In the evening they were the guests at the Baguio Country Club, of Brigadier-General McCoy, Chief Assistant to the Governor-General, and Mrs. McCoy, after which they witnessed an Igoroto native dance.

Wednesday was spent in visiting various places of interest in and around Baguio and, on Thursday, the party returned to Manila.

## Cigar Factory Visited.

Friday's programme included a visit to the La Insular Factory, at the invitation of the President of the factory, Mr. Carrion. Visits were also made to the Bureau of Science and Forestry.

On Saturday His Excellency and Lady Stubbs accompanied the Governor-General and Mrs. Wood to a Military Tournament which was in progress at Fort McKinley under the direction of Major-General Omar Bundy, Commanding the Fort McKinley Tactical Division.

## Baseball Match.

The next afternoon His Excellency and Lady Stubbs witnessed a base ball match after which they accompanied General and Mrs. Wood to the Polo Club where they were the guests of Major-General and Mrs. Read at tea.

On Monday afternoon His Excellency and Lady Stubbs left Manila in the Pacific Mail, s.s. "President Taft." H.E. Mr. Woods, the American Ambassador to Japan, and Mrs. Woods, and Mr. Gilmore, Vice-Governor of the Philippines, and Mrs. Gilmore also left Manila in the "President Taft." The Governor-General and the Senior Officers of the Naval and Military forces, assembled on the jetty to witness the departure.

Under the auspices of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology, attempts are to be made to ascertain for what trades boys and girls leaving school are physically and temperamentally fitted, and towards the cost of the experiment the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees are contributing £6000.

## SOCIAL EVIL.

HONGKONG CONDITIONS ATTACKED.

"REGULATED PROSTITUTION."

MORE QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, February 15.

In the House of Commons, replying to Viscountess Astor, Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, stated that the prevalence of venereal diseases among men of the China Squadron was receiving serious consideration by the Admiralty.



Viscountess Astor urged the desirability of abolishing the system of regulated prostitution in Hongkong and other British ports in this area, as had been done in the other ports of the East.

Mr. Ammon referred the question to the Colonial Secretary.

[Viscountess Nancy Wither Astor, Conservative M.P. for Plymouth, Sutton Division, is the first woman M.P. to sit in the Imperial Parliament. An American by birth, she was first married to Robert Gould Shaw in 1897 but obtained a decree of divorce in 1903, and then in 1906 married Viscount Astor, owner of the Observer.]

## PIRACY PROBLEM.

PATROLS AND UNITIVE MEASURES.

COMMERCE CHAMBER'S VIEWS.

SHANGHAI, February 14.  
The Conference of the British Chambers of Commerce in China and of Hongkong passed the following resolutions:—

1.—That this Conference is of the opinion that the numerous piracies in Far Eastern waters and the inability of any Government in China to deal with them calls for immediate action on the part of the foreign Powers.

The Conference urges the British Government to make immediate arrangements with the Chinese authorities whereby immediately a piracy is reported punitive measures may be taken against the pirates by the British navy in the locality where the former have landed.

The Conference strongly advocates an increase in the number of patrol vessels, especially in the Canton delta, where the frequent piracies clearly indicate that the existing patrols are inadequate; and also furnishing all gunboats with wireless.

2.—That this Conference urges the British Government to give practical effect to their intention to devote the British share of the Boxer Indemnity to purposes mutually beneficial to Great Britain and China, and recommends, pending the final decision regarding allocation, that some portion be placed at the disposal of the educational committee of the Chambers of Commerce in order that they may continue the grants in aid of British educational and medical institutions in China.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

It was stated at the annual meeting of the Savings Bank that the total amount standing to the credit of Glasgow depositors exceeded £20,000,000, of which over £7,000,000 had been paid in during the present year.

Queen Alexandra sent a message of congratulation to Viscountess Astor on the success of her efforts to raise £80,000 for the London Hospital before December 31. The institution will receive, it is estimated, about £170,000.

Sir Herbert A. Walker has been appointed general manager of the Southern Railway group. Sir Herbert, who is 59 years of age, began his career as a clerk at 17 with the London and North Western Railway.

## KOWLOON DOCK A.D.C.

RAJAH OF RAJAHPORE AT THE STAR.

Greatly improved on their original appearance but still showing a weak patch or two, the Kowloon Dock A.D.C. played "Rajah of Rajahpore" to an appreciative house at the Star Theatre last night. Mrs. F. J. Jenner, the producer, must have had a strenuous time drilling the characters and considering the fact that most of them have never appeared on a theatre stage before, the result of their efforts certainly reflected much credit on the director. The cast, mostly composed of young girls, were a little nervous at the beginning, but towards the end when the play went with a swing, recovered their composure and with more experience, will overcome that stage consciousness which is such a trial for amateurs.

A feature of the production was the brilliant display of costumes. The Imps' costumes were made by Mrs. Dixon and the rest of the gorgeous dresses worn by the pretty girls of the chorus were designed and made by the energetic ladies of the Kowloon Docks.

Of the chief characters, Mr. A. Duncan, as the Irish "batman" whose humour added a lively touch to the play, and Mephastopheles, played by Mr. G. White, seemed more at ease on the board. Their utterances were distinct, though the song of the Irish homesick soldier could have been a little clearer. Miss Doris Punchedon as Nelly O'Neal, was a bewitching leading lady and was deservedly cheered for her singing. Mr. J. C. Brown again played the part of the magnificent Rajah and Mr. C. E. Stewart the Major General.

Much of the success of the performance was due to the natural acting of the diminutive children, some of whom seemed to have just dropped out of a shell, especially when they accompanied Miss Pearl Ogilvie, the Goddess of Light, as fairies. No direction was necessary with the wee girls. To have corrected them in their occasional lapses of memory would have spoiled the show.

The stage effects were remarkably well done and to Messrs. G. and A. Duncan goes the credit of the artistic execution of the scenery. Mr. J. H. Lawrence was a capable musical director.

Besides being producer, Mrs. Jenner taught the children the Imps' dances and the crinoline dances. Others behind the scenes who contributed to the success of the performances were Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Gay-Cumming, and Mr. David Keith.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

EXAMINATIONS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—In case some anonymous writer should lamentably fail in disappointing Mr. Teesdale Mackintosh, I beg leave to step into the breach and assure Mr. Mackintosh that examinations are out of date—terribly so. The only examinations worth while are cross-examinations, as my friend Mr. Dovey will agree and with your kind permission, Mr. Editor, for I feel sure you agree with all that Mr. Mackintosh says, I hope you will allow me to put the following:

Q. Did you ever get a letter from Mr. Fletcher on educational matters and if so, do you intend to reply to it?

The system used in local examinations will be adopted in this case, plus twenty five marks for neatness.

Yours etc.,

ANOTHER MASCOT.  
Hongkong, February 14.

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## CRICKET.

## NOTES AND COMMENT.

## SEASON'S LEAGUE AVERAGES.

Kowloon could not remain in the winning strain last Saturday, the junior team going down to H.K.C.C. 2nd XI, who move up from sixth to fourth place in the league table as the result of the three points. Fraser's consistent showing with the bat of late has got him into the averages. The Club's win is the first in the second league since December 1 when they beat Civil Service 2nd XI in a return match.

On October 27, the Chinese juniors drew with Civil Service at Causeway Bay but they lost by five wickets on Saturday at Happy Valley.

The Civil Service 2nd XI have completed their league fixtures with four clubs, results being as follows:

Beat R.A.M.C. on October 13 and 20.  
Beat C.R.C. 2nd on February 9 and drew on October 27.  
Beat H.K.C.C. 2nd on December 8 and drew on January 10.  
Beat H.K.C.C. 2nd on November 24 and lost on December 11.  
Beat I.R.C. 2nd on November 17.  
Lost to Varsity 2nd on November 3.  
Lost to R.E. on November 10.  
Lost to Navy 2nd on January 5.

Appended are the season's league statistics to date:

## BATTING.

## FIRST DIVISION.

	No. of Innings.	High Score.	Aggregate.	Average.
Purcell (N.)	72	176	58.66	
Quick (U.)	68	171	57.00	
J. S. Curran (U.)	81	143	47.66	
W. J. Curran (U.)	86	188	47.00	
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	39	46	46.00	
Owen Hughes (H.K.)	61	89	44.50	
More (H.K.)	97	177	44.25	
De Rome (C.S.)	97	167	47.75	
A. A. Rumiann (U.)	110	198	39.60	
A. el Arculli (U.)	34	71	35.50	
Sayer (C.S.)	107	200	34.83	
O. Ismail (U.)	74	208	34.67	
Balchett (U.)	74	138	33.50	
Baker (C.S.)	42	63	31.50	
Bradbury (Craig)	41	142	28.40	
A. H. Madar (U.)	52	132	26.40	
Witchell (C.S.)	58	78	26.00	
S. H. Ismail (U.)	50	178	25.29	
Roffey (U.)	37	90	22.50	
Robinson (K.)	31	89	22.25	
Pearce (H.K.)	40	44	22.00	
Nihill (C.S.)	47	44	22.00	
Wood (C.S.)	45	123	20.50	
Laing (U.)	40	40	20.00	

## SECOND DIVISION.

	No. of Innings.	High Score.	Aggregate.	Average.
Harris (N.)	131	197	39.40	
H. D. Rumiann (U.)	72	199	33.17	
Harper (C.S.)	60	302	30.20	
Gandy (R.E.)	108	224	29.45	
O. Rumiann (U.)	67	201	28.71	
Nash (R.A.M.C.)	50	190	27.14	
Hagen (H.K.)	47	218	27.12	
Reid (H.K.)	65	147	24.50	
Piercy (H.K.)	56	189	23.62	
D. Rumiann (U.)	50	164	23.43	
Fraser (K.)	36	154	22.00	
Simpson (N.)	53	108	21.60	
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	44	194	21.56	
Osman (U.)	49	128	21.33	

## BOWLING.

## FIRST DIVISION.

	Wickets.	Average.
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	19	5.44
Bird (C.S.)	14	5.59
B. D. Evans (C.S.)	12	6.47
Sayer (C.S.)	12	6.73
Bowler (H.K.)	10	7.40
Gould (N.)	9	7.56
Webster (H.K.)	6	8.33
A. el Arculli (U.)	25	8.60
A. H. Madar (U.)	12	9.00
Balchett (U.)	15	9.43
Onar (U.)	16	9.75
More (H.K.)	6	9.83
A. A. Rumiann (U.)	11	10.17
Quick (U.)	13	10.69
Hargreaves (N.)	13	11.15
Pomfret (N.)	12	11.17
F. M. el Arculli (U.)	7	11.86

## SECOND DIVISION.

	Wickets.	Average.
Brawn (K.)	11	6.45
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	36	7.64
Jacob (R.E.)	49	8.20
Hogg (N.)	19	8.47
Percy (R.A.M.C.)	12	9.17
Laing (U.)	19	9.58
Overy (K.)	19	9.88
Sara (C.S.)	51	9.99
A.R.F. Raven (K.)	14	10.21
Reid (H.K.)	19	10.32
Shadr Khan (L.)	12	10.65
Hagan (H.K.)	12	11.67
Petheram (K.)	24	11.83
Hooppell (N.)	11	11.91

## LEAGUE TABLE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Indian R.C.	7	5	0	2	17
H.K.C.C.	5	4	0	1	13
Civil Service	6	4	1	1	13
University	5	4	1	0	12
Navy	6	3	3	0	9
Kowloon C.C.	7	2	4	1	9
Craigswater	7	1	5	1	4
R.E.	7	1	5	1	4
Chinese R.C.	6	0	5	1	1

## "MARY HORLOCK."

## INQUIRY FINDING ON SATURDAY.

The hearing of evidence by the Court of Inquiry which is investigating the loss of the British steamer "Mary Horlock" in the North Pacific on January 26, was concluded at the Harbour Office yesterday afternoon.

The Chief Officer, Mr. D. J. Jones, in reply to questions, said the vessel had a list of between 30 and 40 degrees when she was abandoned. It had been gradually increasing. This he put down on a tire to water coming into the ship. He was of opinion that when she was abandoned she would sink in a very few hours.

Lt. Comm. Henderson: Was she sinking by the stern, the head, or on an even keel?

Witness: By the stern; the water was in No. 3 hold.

The Chief Engineer, Mr. W. M. Dockwray, said he had been in the "Mary Horlock" since 1912. She was a strong ship and satisfactory in every way. He had no trouble with the pumps.

In reply to questions, witness said in order to scuttle the ship he took the cover off the tank filling valve and opened the tank injection.

Lt. Comm. Henderson: How much water would that let in?

Witness: The pipe was 8 inches in diameter and the inlet 24 feet below the water line.

He further said it was at midnight on the day before abandonment that the list came on the ship. He thought the ship strained on the morning of January 26 at about 9 o'clock, and shortly afterwards she began to make water.

Asked what he considered started the water coming in, witness said he thought the shifting cargo started the bulwarks and consequently the rivets.

He considered the repair to the rudder very satisfactory, quite equal to meet the gales they afterwards experienced and good enough to bring her into port. He said the captain asked his opinion about abandoning the ship and he advised abandoning her. It was the only thing, he added, they could do. The ship was doomed.

He was of that opinion then and more than ever now.

The Second Officer then gave evidence of jettisoning the forward deck cargo.

Nicholas Dalton, the vessel's carpenter, said it was the worst voyage he had ever been on.

In reply to Lt. Comm. Henderson, he said he scuttled the vessel twice a day. He first found water on the morning of January 26.

Lt. Comm. Henderson: Till then they had all been good?

Witness: Yes.

He added that on the morning of January 26 he found 12 ft. of water in the third hold bilge.

Patrick Fennell, bosun, and Robert N. Watson, apprentice, also gave evidence.

A. B. Fitzgerald, when asked by the President if he had anything to say, said: "The only thing I can say is I'm glad I'm out of it. We didn't get out none too soon either." He added that the cargo was stowed all right and the ship well handled. It was the worst weather he had seen in forty years' experience at sea.

This completed the evidence to be taken, and the President (Lieut. Commr. Conway Hake R.N.R.) announced that the finding would be given on Saturday morning.

## SECOND DIVISION.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
Royal Engineers	13	9	1	3	30
Civil Service 2nd	12	6	4	2	20
Navy 2nd	7	6	0	1	19
H.K.C.C. 2nd	12	4	4	1	16
University 2nd	11	4	5	2	14
R.A.M.C. 2nd	9	4	4	1	13
Indians 2nd	10	3	3	1	12
Kowloon 2nd	11	2	7	2	8
Chinese 2nd	11	0	2	2	2

## League Records This Season.

Highest Individual Score: 1st division, A. A. Rumiann (University) 110; 2nd division, Lt. Harris (Navy) 131 not out.

Most wickets in an innings: 1st division, Sayer (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 9.1 overs (1 maiden); Quick (University) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 12 overs (4 maidens); Bird (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 57 runs in 13 overs (4 maidens); Rough (R.G.A.) 7 wickets for 49 runs in 14.1 overs (2 maidens); Gould (Navy) 7 wickets for 16 runs in 6.5 overs and B. D. Evans (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 11 runs in 6.2 overs (2 maidens); 2nd division, Sara (Civil Service) 8 wickets for 35 runs in 11.3 overs and Laing (University) 8 wickets for 25 runs in 15.5 overs (7 maidens).

Best Aggregate: 1st division, Sayer (Civil Service) 209; 2nd division, Gandy (R.E.) 324 runs.

Most wickets to date: 1st division, A. el Arculli (Indians) 25; 2nd division, Sara (Civil Service) 51.

Biggest Innings to date: 1st division, H.K.C.C. 221 for 3 (declared) against Craigswater; 2nd division, H.K.C.C. 2nd XI 232 against C.R.C. 2nd XI.

Smallest Innings to date: 1st division, R.G.A. 33 against Navy; 2nd division, C.R.C. 32 against R.E. and Kowloon 2nd XI 32 against R.E.

W.P.C.

## CRICKET.

## SURREYS VANQUISH NAVY.

The East Surrey cricket eleven scored a very decided victory over the Navy yesterday, features of the game being fine performances with the bat by Capt. Kent and Lieut. Allfree.

The scores were:—

	Runs.	Wickets.
Capt. Kent, run out	69	
Lieut. Armstrong, b. Pomfret	0	
C.O.M.S. Stripp, c. Astwood, b. Osborne	5	
Lieut. Allfree, b. Pomfret	85	
Lieut. Clark, b. Quinlan	17	
Cpl. Williams, c. and b. Hogg	11	
Lieut. C. Pether, not out	8	
Lieut. Coffman, not out	2	
Extras	14	
Total (for 6 wickets, dec.)	205	

Major Pether, Sgt. Wright and Lieut. Cpl. Burgess did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	M.	R.	W.
Osborne	10	0	1
Pomfret	20	0	2
Hogg	7	4	1
Quinlan	12	1	1

Pay-Com. Osborne, s. Dayton, b. Kent

 Lieut. Abelson, b. w. Williams |

Lieut. D'Arcy Evans, b. Kent |

Lieut. Ackwood, b. Williams |

Cpl. Grace, v. Pether, b. Kent |

Lieut. Harris, b. Burgess |

Pether, not out |

Lieut. Hogg, run out |

Pay-Lieut. Hogg, st. Stripp, b. Clark |

Surg-Lieut. Pomfret, run out |

Capt. Quinlan, c. Armstrong, b. Williams |

Extras |

Total |

Bowling Analysis. |

	M.	R.	W.
Kent	10	1	84
Williams	10	1	38
Burgess	7	0	24
Clark	7	0	22

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MOTOR COLLISION.

DECISION RESERVED IN ACCIDENT CLAIM.

Continuing the case brought by Mr. Karl Ludwig Haessler, a Dutchman, who claimed damage of \$1,000 from the Hongkong Hotel Garage and the Eagle as a result of injuries sustained during a motor car collision while riding in the Hotel Garage car on Tai Po Road in June, Mr. Macnamara representing the Hongkong Hotel Garage, submitted to Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, that where the collision took place was on a bridge and that the Hotel car was on the bridge first.

The Eagle car's driver not to have come on that bridge unless he was reasonably sure that he could have got through. The Hotel car had the right of way.

Mr. McCullum for the Eagle Garage Co., argued that the Hotel car was being driven so fast that after the collision it could not be pulled up and that it went over the bank.

It had been previously stated by the plaintiff that the car which he was riding was not going so fast as the Eagle car. Instead of passing each other the car wheels touched, each other and the Hotel car went over the bank, falling five or six feet. Mr. Haessler was injured by the flying glass and spent nine days in the Peak Hospital and was under medical treatment for three weeks.

In addressing the Bench, Mr. McCullum said the evidence showed that the Hotel car was slightly on its wrong side. His submission was that the driver of the Eagle Garage took every precaution and is entitled to presume that the driver of the Hotel car would do the same.

His Lordship reserved judgment and stated that if he was in difficulties on any technical point he wished to be at liberty to consult with the Hon. Mr. C. McI Messer as a motoring expert.

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At the forthcoming annual meeting of the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd., to be held on 3rd March 1924, the Board of Directors will recommend that the balance available for distribution be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share on 299,583 shares..... \$374,603.75

To place to Reserve..... 350,000.00

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NEW JAPANESE LOAN.

LONDON, February 14.

Referring to the reported dissatisfaction in Japan at the price of the new loan, the *Times* contends that the price is by no means too high in view of the size of the loan owing to the fact that it is not specially secured, and that the Austrian loan, which was specially secured and guaranteed by the Powers, is two or three points cheaper.

On the other hand, Japan appears to have recovered distinctly favourable terms. Any lower price would have imperilled the success of the loan.—*Reuter*.

A "DEPLORABLE FAILURE."

TOKYO, February 14.

The first feelings of doubt and disappointment with which the terms of the loan were greeted yesterday are more fully endorsed by this morning's papers, which almost unanimously declare the contract to be "a deplorable failure, and even a national humiliation," and reflecting a lack of confidence in the political stability of the country.

While appreciating the unfavourable circumstances under which the loan has been floated, the papers contrast the terms with those of the Argentine and Dutch Indian loans recently raised in New York.

The leading commercial organ (*Asahi*) questions the discretion of the Government in attempting foreign financing when there is no immediate necessity for large reconstruction funds here, and says that the present venture is likely to seriously embarrass future private borrowings abroad.

Representative bankers and business men comment similarly, fearing the possible effect upon future financing, even domestically.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin*.

PRICE OF TIN.

LONDON, February 13.

The fact that the cash price of tin yesterday was over £276 per ton, being a rise of £41 on the year, is leading to talk of a possible corner in tin.—*Reuter*.

BANK OF INDIA RATE.

BOMBAY, February 13.

The Imperial Bank of India rate has been raised to 9 per cent.—*Reuter*.

DUTCH EAST INDIES.

"MIXED" ENTERPRISES GROWING.

AMSTERDAM, January 6.—The number of large enterprises in which both private and Government capital participates is increasing in the Netherlands Indies. Since the establishment of the Nederl.-Ind. Aardolie Mij. (Dutch East Indian Petroleum Co.) for the exploitation of the Djambi fields, in which the Royal Dutch and the Government are interested, the plan for the execution of a blastfurnace enterprise with the participation of the Government has now been accepted by the Indian National Council. It is very probable that a similar collaboration will come about in the timber trade. The National Council has given its consent to such a scheme. It is noteworthy that this latter scheme does not emanate from the Government but from private quarters.

Owing to the fluctuating prices and the unfavourable conditions of the market, the big "Djati" (Java-teak) enterprises have been unable to make their business pay during the past few years, while the Government, instead of having 200,000 cubic metres of timber cut in its forests as in normal years, had in 1923 only 76,000 cubic metres cut. The Government is to secure participation in the capital of several timber trade enterprises by obtaining preference shares, not, however, for cash, but as a partial return service for the contracts concluded with the various concerns. To these the timber (up to 80 per cent of the total yield of the Government's forests) is coded at a very low price.

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Former Liberal Premier Mr. H. H. Asquith, who has warned the Labour Government, in the plainest and most unequivocal terms that unless the Government can see its way to reconsider the Minister of Health's action as regards Poplar there is not the slightest chance of that administrative act receiving the countenance and approval of the House of Commons.



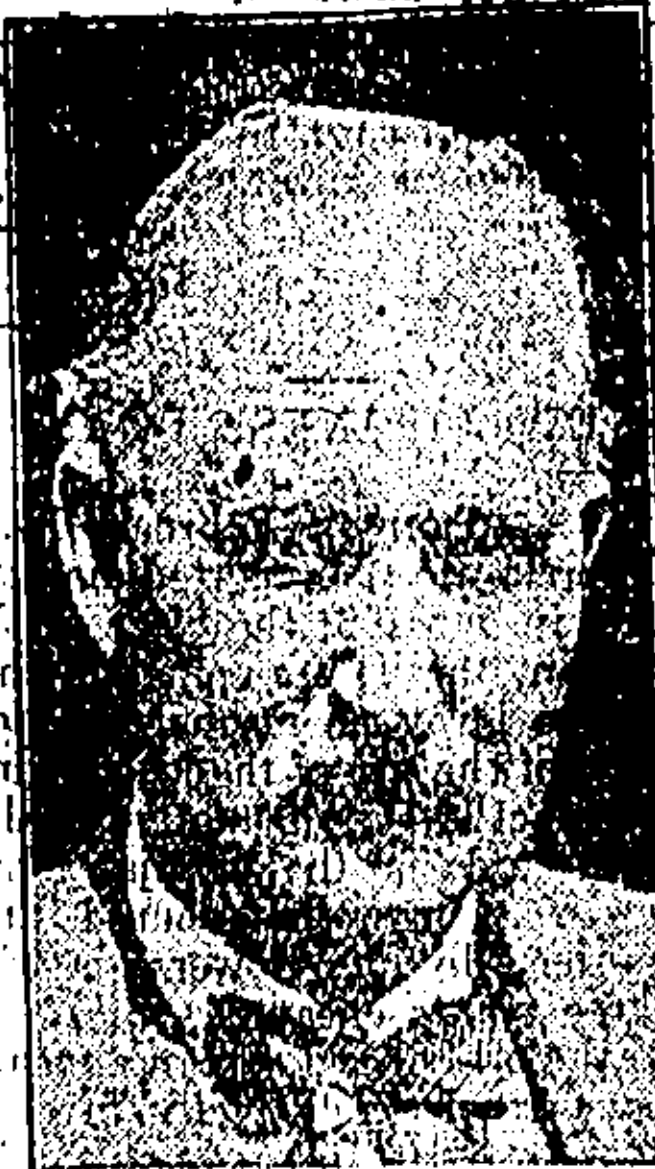
Mr. J. R. Clynes, Deputy Leader of the House of Commons, who took an important part in the debate cabled yesterday. Referring to the Poplar controversy, he promised that an opportunity would be given later to discuss this and kindred subjects of the controversy. The fullest facts would be given to the House.



First Lord of the Admiralty in Mr. Baldwin's Cabinet, Col. Amery in a Colonial Institute lecture on naval defence in the Pacific regretted that the Government had stopped the present work and commitments at Singapore, but was glad to hear the question was being carefully investigated and that a decision would not be taken without consultation with the Dominions affected.



Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is reported in to-day's cables to have settled the Anglo-Persian Oil Company controversy by announcing definitely that in the national interest the Government has decided not to sell its large share holding.



Former United States Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Fall, who is one of the central figures in the American naval oil lease "scandal" which is reported to-day to have taken a further sensational turn involving the late President Harding.



America's Secretary of State, who has written to the House of Representatives Immigration Committee pointing out that the impending immigration bill contains proposals which will militate against the 1911 Treaty with Japan and these should be eliminated. Mr. Hughes added: "I believe such legislative action would largely undo the work of the Washington Conference, which so greatly improved our relations with Japan."



Hirohito, Prince Regent of Japan, who narrowly escaped death at the hands of an assassin while on his way to a session of the Diet in Tokyo. The Prince's motor car was damaged and his companion was hurt by flying glass.



Prince Viggo, fourth son of Prince Valdemar, uncle of King Christian of Denmark, has given up his title and relinquished all possible claims of succession to the throne. His engagement to Miss Eleanor Margaret Green, a great-granddaughter of the famous philanthropist investor Peter Cooper, Prince Viggo will no longer be addressed as "His Royal Highness" but simply styled "Prince Viggo, Count of Rosenborg." His bride will be Princess Viggo, Countess of Rosenborg.



King Christian of Denmark, has consented to the betrothal of his kinsman, Prince Viggo, and Miss Eleanor Margaret Green, a great-granddaughter of the famous philanthropist investor Peter Cooper. Prince Viggo will no longer be addressed as "His Royal Highness" but simply styled "Prince Viggo, Count of Rosenborg." His bride will be Princess Viggo, Countess of Rosenborg.

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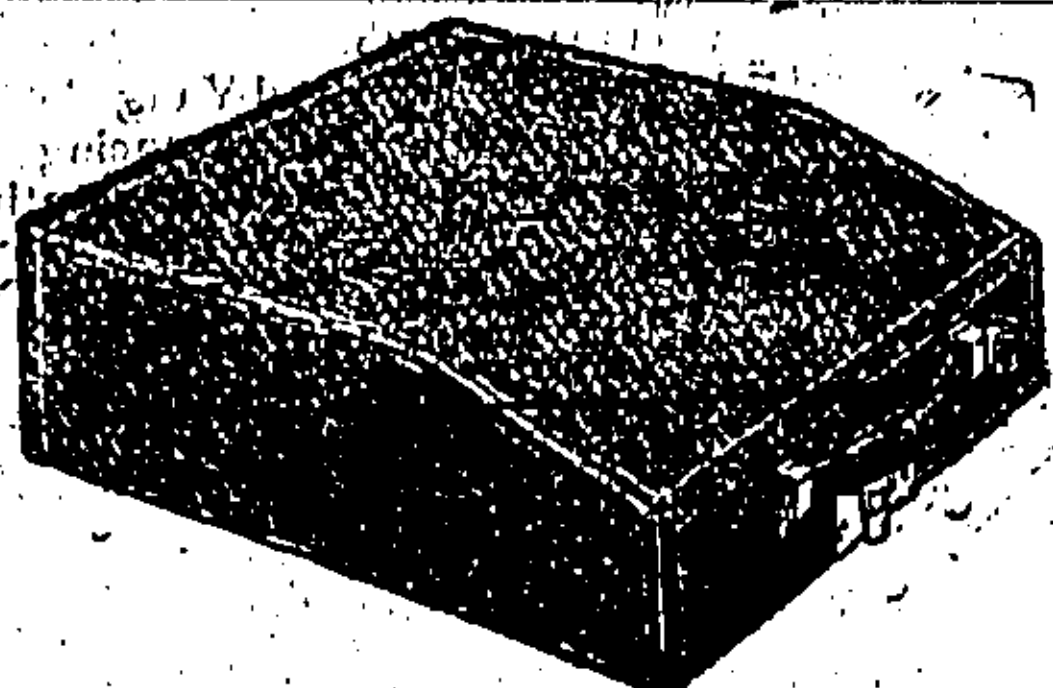
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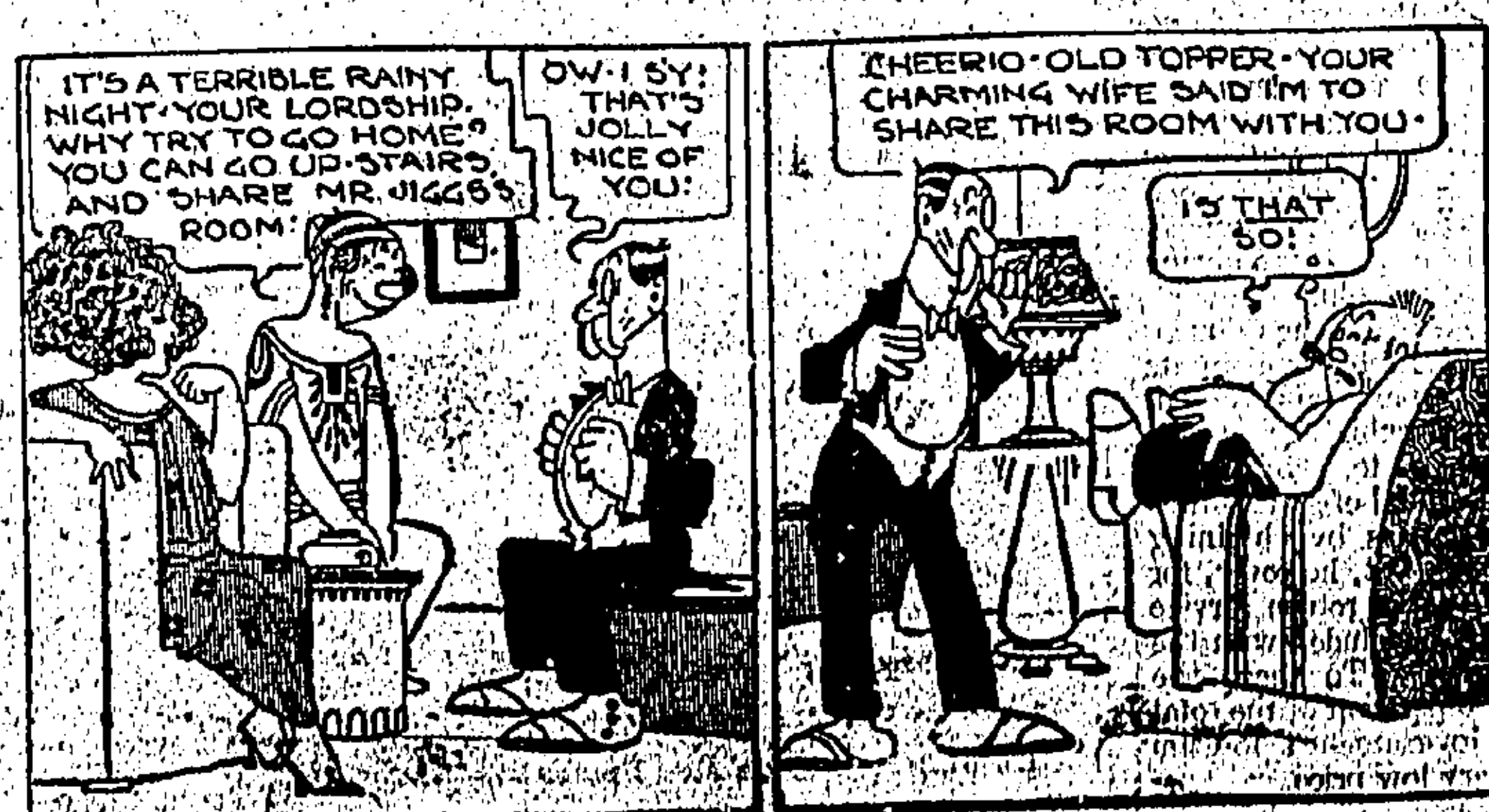
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Feb. 17—J.O.J.L. Tsimsook.

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Feb. 17—J.O.J.L. Tsimsook.

## FROM DAIREN

Feb. 16—U.S.B. West Ivan.

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Mar. 11—B.L. Tsimsook.

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Feb. 17—A.O.L. Tsimsook.

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## SOCCER AT HOME.

LONDON, February 15.

The following football matches were played to-day—

First League—Manchester City, 1; Notts Forest 3; Sunderland 2; Aston Villa 0.

F.A. Cup, 2nd round replay—

Newcastle 5, Derby 3.

Scottish League—Kilmarnock 1; Morton 3; Hearts 4, Airdrie 2; Aberdeen 2, Third Lanark 2; Clyde 0, Hamilton 0; Motherwell 0, Celtic 1.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The O.R.K. s.s. "Panama Maru" arrived at Durban on Feb. 12.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Shidzuka Maru" (American Passenger Line) left Shanghai for Hongkong via Manila on Feb. 15 and is expected here to-day.

The P.F. s.s. "Telos" from Liverpool left Singapore on Feb. 11 for this port and is due here to-morrow at daylight.

The H.S. s.s. "Albert Vogel" is due here to-morrow.

The O.R.K. s.s. "Arizona Maru" left Durban on Feb. 12 and will be due here to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Kamataka Maru" (South American Passenger Line) left for Hongkong on Feb. 11 and is expected here to-morrow.

The U.F. s.s. "Kurybates" sails for London and New York via Manila at daylight to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Tama Maru" (Bom-bay Passenger Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Feb. 12 and is expected here on Feb. 17.

The L.L. s.s. "Onga" from London left Singapore for this port on Feb. 9 and may be expected to arrive here on or about Feb. 17.

The B.F. s.s. "Merion" left Liverpool on Jan. 19 for Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Feb. 20.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Jefferson" sails from Manila at 5 p.m. on Feb. 18 arriving here at 7 a.m. on Feb. 21 and will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan at 10 a.m. on Feb. 22.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Grant" which is due at Hongkong on Feb. 23 sailed from Seattle on Feb. 22 on schedule.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Furuta Maru" (European Line) left London for Hongkong via Shanghai on Jan. 19 and is expected here on Feb. 25.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Feb. 7. It is due at Yokohama on Feb. 19 and is expected here on Feb. 20.

The D.F. s.s. "Nelson" left Liverpool on Jan. 28 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on Mar. 2.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Furuta Maru" (European Line) left London for Hongkong via Shanghai on Jan. 19 and is expected here on Feb. 25.

The B.F. s.s. "Wachon" left Liverpool on Feb. 9 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Mar. 14.

The A.O.L. s.s. "West Iron" which is due at Hongkong on or about Mar. 23 sailed from Seattle on Feb. 1.

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## EXCHANGE

Hongkong, February 15 1924.

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## HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The tide-table corresponds with the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard and is for the height given in the table.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 9 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

February 8 to 14, 1924.

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## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

## Banks

The Bank of Canton, Ltd.,  
Des Vaux Road Central.

China Bank, Ltd.,  
6, Duddell Street.

## Building Contractors

Wing On & Co.,  
Building Contractors,  
14, D'Aquella Street, Tel. Cen. 1597

## Coal Merchants

Sullivan Mining Admin. Co. (Doddwell & Co.,  
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Brimstone Coal, Coke, Firebricks.

Wesley & Co., 5 Queen's Road Central,  
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Shipping Agents—Phone Cen. 1543.

## Cario Dealers

Lock Hing, Chinese Cario & Silver Ware.

## Dentist

Harry Fong, Dentist,  
1st floor, No. 74, Queen's Road  
Central, Tel. Cen. No. 1555.

## Engineers &amp; Shipbuilders

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## Fertilizer

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Tel. Cen. 1543. Agents: N. S. King of Fertilizers.

## Wine &amp; Spirit Merchants

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## Hotels

Palace Hotel, Kowloon—Corner of  
Haiphong and Hankow Roads. Few  
minutes from ferry.

## Importers &amp; Exporters

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Exporters and Commission Agents,  
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Swing Sun & Co., 55 Queen's Road  
Central, K. C. Chung (Manager),  
Kwong Kung Him (Asst.), Tel. Cen. 5159.

Samson Trading Co.,  
Importers and Exporters,  
110, Queen's Road Central, Tel. Cen. 1508.

Sam Sing Leung,  
97-99 Queen's Road Central,  
General Stockbroker, Wine & Spirit  
Merchant, Importers,  
Exporters of Chinese Produce  
Tel. Cen. 351.

## Land &amp; Estate Agents

Fan Yick Cho, Land & Estate agents  
Tel. Cen. 911-1597,  
25, Queen's Road Central.

## Leather Goods

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Best makers of Leather Suitcases,  
Hand Bags, Purses, Belts, etc.,  
Porter St., 200 Queen's Rd. Cn.  
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Fe Hing, 24 Des Vaux Road, Manu-  
facturers of Leather Suitcases, Hand  
Bags, Trunks, etc.

## Merchants

Asia Commercial & Development Co.—  
China Bank Buildings (3rd floor) Tel. 2409

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Paris in Furs, and Millinery.  
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## Miners

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## TYPEWRITERS

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## Modistes

Madame Fines,  
51, Queen's Road Cen. Tel. Cen. 385.  
(latest Parisian models)

## Optician

The Hongkong Optical Co. Phone 5122,  
62, Queen's Road Central

## Printers

"The China Mail," General Printers,  
Publishers and Bookbinders,  
5, Wyndham Street, Tel. 038.

## Photographers

Mr. Cheung, Photographer  
23, Lee House Street,  
Broomfield Arcade, Branch.  
Developing & Printing undertaken.

## Po Kwong Photo Studio

129, Wellington Street,  
Photo Supplies and Developing.  
Art picture dealer.

## RUBBER &amp; WOOD

Printing, Developing etc. undertaken  
Kowloon.

## Rubber &amp; Wood

Tankahke & Co., 29 Connaught Rd. W.  
Manufacturers of Rubber Soles and  
Singapore Wood. Tel. Cen. 4473.

## Ship Chandlers

Chung Fook, 78 Connaught Rd. Cn.  
1st floor. Tel. Cen. 519.  
Shipchandlers, Stoves and  
Commodore.

## E. Hing &amp; Co.

25 Wing Wo Street. Tel. Cen. 1115  
Metal Merchants & Ship Chandlers,  
Managing Director—Mr. H. S. Chin.

## Sun Cheong Commodore

General Provision Store,  
Naval and Military Contractor,  
No. 65, Fray's East Washai,  
Telephone No. 5761.

## Wang Kee &amp; Co., Shipchandlers

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Merchants, Be. and Pilot supply  
No. 38 & 37, Connaught Road, Tel.  
Cen. No. 540.

## Shipowners

Man Wing S. S. Co., Ltd.,  
25 Bonham Strand West, Tel. Cen. 1710  
Regular fortnightly service  
Hongkong and Haiphong via Hoihow  
and Saigon.

## Thai Thuan S. S. Co., Ltd.

147 Wing Lok Street, East, Tel. Cen. 53  
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between Hongkong and Saigon.

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BOOTS, SHOES AND SLIPPERS FOR  
LADIES GENTS AND CHILDREN.  
PRICES MODERATE TEL. 1474  
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Ladies and Gents Tailors,  
11, D'Aquella Street, New Materials  
of all descriptions. Tel. Cen. 2450.

## Ah Young, Tailors Drapers &amp; Out-

fitters, Hat & Clothing, Suits  
to order, No. 74, Queen's Road  
Central, Tel. Cen. No. 330.

## Sing Cheong

Ladies and Gentlemen's Tailor,  
24, Wyndham Street, 2nd floor.

## Tobaccos, Cigarettes

British American Tobacco Co.  
(China), Ltd. 15-19 Connaught Road,  
Tel. Cen. 1518.

## Glass Merchants

A. Loo & Co., Glass Merchants/  
Manufacturers, Mirror and Canton Marble  
Manufacturers, Electro-plated, Glass  
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"TELESIA" 17th Mar. London, Rotterdam and Antwerp  
"REXENOR" 24th Mar. London, Rotterdam and Hamburg

## LIVERPOOL SERVICE

(Direct or via Constantinople, Port)  
"TALTHYRUS" 20th Feb. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow  
"ANTIOCHUS" 1st Mar. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow  
"BELLEROPHON" 20th Mar. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow

## PACIFIC SERVICE

via Kobe and Yokohama  
"PROTEUS" 18th Feb. Yokohama, Seattle and  
"ACHILLES" 18th Mar. Vancouver.

## NEW YORK SERVICE

(via Suez or Panama)  
"EUREYATES" 16th Feb. via Suez and Boston.  
"KION" 21st Feb. via Suez and Boston.  
"KNIGHT TEMPLAR" 21st Mar. via Suez and Boston.

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"TALTHYRUS" 20th Feb. for Singapore & London  
"ANTIOCHUS" 1st Mar. Singapore, Marseilles & London  
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"REXENOR" 24th Mar. for Singapore & London  
For Freight and Passage rates and all information, apply to:  
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## POST OFFICE NOTICES

## INWARD MAILS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Shanghai, Chekiang

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Australia and Manila, Taiwan, Sochoow

Shanghai, Europe via West Japan, London Jan. 17, Arabistan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Shanghai, Chihli

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai, Pres. Cleveland

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

Straits, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23.

U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai, Pres. Grant

MONDAY, MARCH 3.

U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai, Pres. Hayes

## OUTWARD MAILS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Japan, Shanghai, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, 5 p.m.

Manila, 5 p.m.

Japan, Canada, United States, Central

and South America, U.S.A. via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria 9th Mar.

Parcels Friday 11th 5 p.m. Registration

9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

Batavia, Semarang and Surabaya, 8.30 a.m.

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## WEATHER REPORT.

February 15d. 10h. 43m.—Pres-  
sure has increased considerably  
at Chefoo. Changes at other re-  
porting stations are slight.

Another anticyclone is forming  
over S.E. Mongolia.  
Moderate monsoon may be ex-  
pected along the S.E. coast of China  
and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. today, 0.17 in.  
Total since January 1st, 3.49 inches,  
against an average of 2.29 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at  
noon on February 16, 1924.

1—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds,  
moderate; overcast, fog, drizzle.

2—Szechwan Sea, N.E. winds,  
moderate; overcast, fog, drizzle.

3—Hankow, N.E. winds,  
moderate; overcast, fog, drizzle.

4—Soa, N.E. winds,  
moderate; overcast, fog, drizzle.

5—Hongkong and Canton, N.E. winds,  
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6—Kobe, N.E. winds,  
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